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COMMUTER ADVISORY

NORTHBOUND I-5 AT TEMPLIN HIGHWAY –
PLAN AHEAD, LEAVE EARLY TO AVOID DELAYS
OVER MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND, 5-25 THROUGH 5-28

North Los Angeles County near "the Grapevine" – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) advises motorists traveling over the upcoming Memorial Day Weekend on the northbound Golden State Freeway (I-5) north of Santa Clarita near the "Grapevine," to please PLAN AHEAD and LEAVE EARLY to avoid expected holiday-related delays -- due to an ongoing lane closure on northbound I-5 at Templin Highway, approximately five miles north of Castaic.   The lane closure is caused by ongoing slope stabilization repairs. Three northbound lanes and all southbound lanes remain open to motorists.

Motorists can expect delays of up to 30 minutes on Friday, May 25; Saturday, May 26; Sunday, May 27; and Monday, May 28.

Motorists are also reminded that traffic fines are doubled in freeway work zones. In Santa Clarita and Castaic, The Old Road is a suggested alternate route during periods of congestion.

For road conditions in California (excluding unforeseen traffic incidents) please call the Caltrans Highway Information Number at 1-800-427-ROAD (7623). By speaking the number of the route desired -- or using a touch-tone telephone and entering the highway/route number of interest, callers can get up-do-date road conditions on any highway in California. Motorists are also encouraged to tune into local radio stations for up to-the-minute freeway reports before starting out on trips.

Caltrans thanks the motoring public for their patience during these roadway repairs. For more information, please call the Caltrans Public Affairs office at (213) 897-3630 or 897-3656 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. PLEASE REMEMBER TO BUCKLE UP, WATCH SPEEDS AND SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE.   # # #